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TO : Deputy Director

DATE: 23 October 1947

FROM : Acting Executive Director

SUBJECT: ICAPS Responsibility for New Projects and IAC Agency Liaison

1. The paper referred to is attached, and I concur with ICAPS that it should have been referred to them only in view of the addressees involved. The committee involved is a working committee under the chairmanship of an ORE representative, and the committee is carrying on a program, the policy provisions of which have previously been established through ICAPS coordination.

2. I do not concur in the request from ICAPS for the issuance of a directive to cover cases of this kind.

3. The error was in my office and a directive to Assistant Directors would not have avoided erroneous routing on the part of the Executive Director's office.

4. I will watch for matters of this nature which should be seen by ICAPS prior to signature and dispatch, and will also bring the matter to the attention of Mr. Egan.

5. Recommend no further action.



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ICAPS memo dtd 21 Oct, above subj

Cy memo dtd Oct 20 "Recem of Ad Hoc Committee Re JANIS"

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR
THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Subject: ICAPS Responsibility for New Projects and IAC Agency
Liaison

25X1 1. Note has been taken of the memorandum drafted by Captain [] of ORE to the four intelligence agency chiefs and entitled "Recommendations of Ad Hoc Committee Regarding JANIS." It appears that this memorandum was signed by the Deputy Director and went forth on October 20, 1947 without any prior reference to ICAPS.

2. If ICAPS is to fulfill its mission as set forth in its statement of functions, it is absolutely necessary that such communications be submitted to ICAPS for comment before mailing.

3. It is therefore suggested that a CIA Administrative Directive be issued prescribing that all communications prepared by the Offices or Staffs of CIA for the collective attention of two or more of the agency intelligence chiefs must be routed through ICAPS prior to signature.

4. There are certain statements in paragraph 1-c of the reference memorandum which ICAPS considers unfortunate and likely to cause confusion in the agencies as to just what the CIA program for NIS may be.

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